Forgetmenot Trees Grow Big and Tall In Jungle Depths

WASHINGTON—Forgetmenots are 100-foot-high trees in the "white jungle."

Great clusters of snow-white blossoms on the tops of a smaller species of forgetmenot tree may be one reason for the name attached to a unique kind of forest in southern Brazil explored botanically by Dr. Lyman B. Smith, Smithsonian Institution botanist, and Padre Raulino Reitz, director of the state herbarium of Santa Catarina.

The white jungle is an extension of the dense rain forest which characterizes the lowlands of interior Brazil. In Santa Catarina it extends eastward along the deeper valleys, infiltrating the darker colored but more open araucaria forest of the highlands or plateau. This probably is the main reason, Dr. Smith says, that the area is known locally as white jungle. It is much the same contrast as that between our own hardwood and conifer forests, except that the araucaria has an outline like a gigantic letter T instead of the familiar conical form.

A more fanciful but not wholly impossible explanation of the term "white jungle" is the presence of two forgetmenot trees that are so large and so frequent as to be an important timber crop. Their great crowns of white blossoms would stand out to one viewing the forest from above like large white caps on a pale green sea.

The general impression of the forgetmenot, based on species known in temperate climates, is that of a small fragile herb that has become a symbol of enduring love. But, Dr. Smith explains, the name applies to a major classification of the plant kingdom, based on the structure of the blossom. The Brazilian trees are unquestionably "forgetmenots."

Pacifier Returns To Popularity

CHICAGO—The baby's pacifier, long condemned as unsanitary, tooth-deforming and disease-producing, is making a comeback.

Today many pediatricians and dentists are beginning to look on the pacifier as "at least a partial answer to the vexing problem of how to prevent prolonged thumb-sucking and the dental disfigurement it often causes," according to an article by Peter C. Goulding, Chicago, an American Dental Association staff member.

He said bacteriological studies have shown that pacifiers are actually more sanitary than the thumb. In addition, because of their soft texture, pacifiers are far less likely than the thumb to force the teeth out of position.

Perhaps the most persuasive point in favor of pacifiers is the fact that children apparently give them up earlier and with less trouble than they do thumbsucking, Goulding said. One study showed that 28 children spontaneously gave up the pacifier at the average age of 14 months, he said.

Shopping Spree Lasted For 16 Busy Years

AKRON, Ohio—A shopping spree that would be a joy to any housewife, but painful to any husband in charge of finance, has ended here.

Mrs. Esther Myers has retired to her own pots and pans after 16 years of buying housewares for 775 company-owned stores and nearly 1,000 complete fine dealers of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

Among her record breaking purchases were: 19 carloads of dinnerware—nearly a million separate pieces—in a single order, and 100,000 mops in one 30-day period.

During her career Mrs. Myers ordered 19 million glass tumblers, half a million pots and pans, and hundreds of thousands of ironing tables, among the 250 different types of housewares she bought regularly.

Mrs. Myers, who had 23 years of service with Firestone, started as a secretary, became assistant housewares buyer in 1941 and buyer in 1947. Her successor as housewares buyer is a man—E. R. Johnson.

Real Collectors

NEW YORK—Three garbage collectors were charged here with taking more than garbage on their morning calls at Leone's Italian Restaurant. The trio and a pantryman were accused of stealing $75,000 worth of frozen shrimp and olive oil during a period of two years.

Key Man Caught

NEW YORK—For every door, there's a key, it seems.

Anyhow, a man accused of entering a woman's hotel room was charged with possession of burglar tools after police said they found in his possession 5,600 keys from hotels around the country.

Pamplin Rt. 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. One.- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and son, Robbie, and Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and children spent a few days recently in Willow Grove, Penn.

Mrs. Frank Arrington, of Tappahannock spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hipps.

Mrs Elate Ranson and Mrs. Louise Clifton spent Friday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and daughter, Diane, of Appomattox, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows and family Sunday.

Robert Meadows, and Jack Price of Richmond spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Vester Clifton. Other visitors were Mrs. Donald Peterson and sons, of Powhatan.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson and family and Mrs. Annie Meadows spent Sunday in Powhatan with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson and family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Tolley family in the loss of their son and brother, "Dick" Tolley.

Oakville

Oakville, Dec. 11.- Recently a hearing aid system has been installed in the Red Oak Baptist Church for the benefit of those who have difficulty in hearing the services. It has six ear phones and more can be added. It was presented to the church by Richard and Eaton Harvey, honoring the fiftieth anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton Harvey and daughter, Patricia attended the football game in Roanoke Thanksgiving, and then came to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harvey.

Charles T. (Sid) Coleman (EM-3478-5100), stationed at Key West, Florida was home on furlough over the Thanksgiving holiday, and returned to his duties on Nov. 29.

Marietta Drinkard spent Sunday with Merlyn Kay Martin. Merlyn returned home with her on Sunday afternoon and they went to visit their new cousin, Bennett Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard.

Mrs. J. C. Abbitt, who has been on the sick list, is better at this time. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Bessie Cobbs is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be up and out again.

Oakville members of the Appomattox P.-T. A. take note! The P. T. A. will meet on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18th, at a time to be announced later.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Veterans in school under the Korean GI Bill will get a Christmas present from Uncle Sam in the form of extra-early mailings of their GI allowance checks this month, Veterans Administration has said.

A special time-saving system will enable VA to get GI checks in the mail before most veteran-students go home for the Christmas vacation, the agency said.

Normally, VA explained, GI allowance checks are mailed around the 20th of the month. But in December, many schools and colleges begin holiday vacations before that date.

VA's "Operation Christmas" calls for Regional Offices to speed up allowance payments for GI trainees and arrange with Treasury Department Disbursing Offices for earlier-than-usual mailings.

VA reminded veterans and their schools to make certain that monthly GI attendance reports have been sent to VA.

A nation at peace quickly forgets those who gave their lives in times of emergency.

The next six months may separate some of the boys from the men in the business world.

DIES PLAYING ROULETTE

New York.- Robert McAndrews, 16, baby-sitting with a friend, Raymond Axberg, 16, at the home of his brother-in-law, Patrolman Richard Stewart, began playing Russian roulette with Stewart's revolver. The revolver went off the third time Robert pulled the trigger, killing him instantly.

PLANT SEEDLINGS

Fredericksburg, Va.- For the third straight year, pulp companies are spending Plant More Trees program in Virginia.

More than 25 per cent of nursery seedling production is used to reach approximately 1 million trees, has been used in industry use — on its land in various free programs sponsored by the industry.

Eight pulp and paper companies have already submitted 11,767,500 seedlings to be used in 45 of Virginia's 96 counties, according to C. F. Gantz, Fredericksburg, forester and Glattfelder Pulp Wood Office, chairman of the industry committee.

"This program," Mr. Gantz said, "is another step in industry to assure the plentiful wood supply in Virginia. Many of those trees will go on small private woodlots which our industry gets its raw materials."

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Spices are all other edible products that helped shape the history of the world. Spices have been used throughout most of the history, spices have not been essential to preserve food and to bed food; they are needed for incense, embalming preparations, and ointments.

Today we are spices so vital to our comfort, but they are valuable commodity in trade. In the United States, we use in cookery has increased during the past years contributes a $150,000,000 a year business.

Every nation contributes its own nice shelves. Example, a product of the Spice Islands tree, most spices such as pepper, cassia, ginger, nutmeg, mace, saffron, and turmeric are the traditional spice of India, Ceylon, Malaya, Indochina, China, and Java.

Whale Port Celebrates Anniversary

BOSTON — Sag Harbor, America's busiest whaling port, celebrated its 100th anniversary recently.

Some of its most picturesque towns, is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. Most of the village, now a summer resort and home industry, was the mid-19th century, was the mid-19th century, on the Harbor, a hundred miles east of New York between Gardiners Bay and the south shore of Long Island, was a busy activity.

Men thronged the village and the waterfront was crowded with high-masted ships returning with whale oil and bone or to be outfitted for voyages that sometimes lasted four years.

In 1845 was Sag Harbor's peak. Thirty-two ships brought 2,000 pounds of bone and 1,000 barrels of oil valued at more than a million dollars.

Many of oil in Pennsylvania and bone of the whalebone used in item of feminine apparel in an end to the whaling industry. The last whaler, the Canada Sag Harbor in 1871 never returned. She was crushed by ice and her cargo taken over by another ship. Her catch was worth $2,500.

Price Counter Big Help for Shoppers

NEW YORK — The produce counter continues to be one of the important stops on the modern food shopper's list.

On the average person in 1956 consumed about 320 pounds (retail weight) of fresh fruits and vegetables, which was 20 more than a fifth of the total poundage used. Consumption continued to buy two pounds of the "fresh" for every pound of processed (canned, frozen or dried) fruits and vegetables, a produce group reported.

Today, a produce department can handle as many as 100 kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables during the year. If only the most important commercial varieties included, the U. S. Department lists about 235 different kinds of these foods. Actually, there are 1,000 named varieties of apples, 5,000 to 8,000 varieties of pears, over 2,000 varieties of grapes, thousands of varieties of roses, dozens of different potatoes and yams. However, only a relatively number are commercially important.

Buying Need Not Mean Going in Debt

NEW YORK—"Buying on time need not mean going into debt, a spokesman for American Bankers Conference, national association of independent sales finance companies.

Figures show that when a man puts $500 down on a $3,000 auto, he actually acquired a capital interest than a $2,000 debt. Value of the car would not cover the unpaid balance and give a cash balance.

Uncle Sam's Land

The United States government owns 1.5 million acres, which is equal to one-half the size of Ireland. In addition, the Federal government owns 774.6 million

Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Dec. 10.- Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolley and family in the tragic death of their beloved son, Edward (Dick) Tolley, which occurred Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell and son, Thomas visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fore Sunday evening.

The N. W. A.'s and G. A.'s of Elon Baptist Church entertained Miss Edna Mae Davis with a miscellaneous shower Friday night in the entertainment apartment of the church. There was a large crowd present and she received lots of nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Inge, of Wilson were visiting relatives here last Sunday.

Dr. Donald P. Smith visited his wife, who is a patient in the Southside Hospital, Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Mattox and daughter, Frannie, were visiting in Charlottesville last Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Payne, Jr. spent last week-end here with his parents.

Mrs. Doris Winsett and Mrs. Addie Hancock, of Richmond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Payne this week.

Mrs. Greene Garrett and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and Mrs. Robert Lewis were in Farmville today.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Judd Glover.

Those who visited Mrs. Embre Davis Sunday were Mrs. Robert Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Olney Ryan and Miss Inez Garrison, of Lynchburg.

Miss Sallie Evelyn Jerell, of Portsmouth visited her sister, Mrs. Z. T. Moran over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brightwell attended the funeral of Mr. Brightwell's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jack Brightwell, of Christiansburg, Monday.

Colored Dots

A large crowd attended the funeral services for the late Mrs. Silvy Fleshman, conducted from the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday at 1:30 P. M., with the pastor, Rev. R. Q. Lawing officiating and delivering the eulogy. He was assisted in the service by two former pastors, Reverends S. E. Singleton and J. A. Rarter, and the Rev. N. E. Jordan. Music was furnished by members of the Promise Land and Mount Shiloh church choirs. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Ethel Turner, of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church. The deceased was a life-long resident of the Promise Land community and a faithful member of the Promise Land Church. She was active in every department of the church until she became physically disabled. The following children are left: one daughter, Miss Mattie Fleshman, of Appomattox; Mrs. Laura Bennett, of Roanoke; and Mrs. Estelle Fleshman, of Hemphill, West Virginia, and one son, Beverly Fleshman. Burial was in the family plot of the church cemetery.

Impressive services were held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon on the subject: "Perfect Prayer." All present enjoyed the message. The church choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good.

A very large crowd attended the annual Men's program at Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 3:30. The program was sponsored by the Men's Club of the church. The Rev. C. L. Elliott served as master of ceremony. Music was furnished by the local Trumpeters, The young Rev. James Franklin, of Virginia Seminary, and College delivered the sermon. A grand total of $51.00 was raised. Remarks were given by Reverends J. A. Carter and N. R. Jordan.

All officers and members and friends are cordially invited to attend the final service of the Galilee Baptist Church for 1957.

Rev. N. R. Jordan will return to his pulpit at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church this Sunday at the 11:30 A. M. service.

MAIL NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

"The mounting volume of Christmas mail makes it more important than ever for everyone to 'Mail Early For Christmas,'" Postmaster Richard Wingfield said today. He said that, "Last year we handled a total of 118,000 pieces of mail between December 1st and 25th."

The Postmaster said that every effort is being made to deliver all mail on time and in good condition before Christmas Eve, as has been done during the past three years.

Every facility of the Post Office is being pressed into maximum service.

The Postmaster reports that the present flow of Christmas cards is running about the same as last year, but the mailing of gifts by parcel post is somewhat behind the schedule.

He also emphasized the importance of wrapping all gifts with heavy paper and securely tying with strong cord, after they have been packed in sturdy corrugated cartons. It's especially important to write legibly, or better yet, print the recipient's full name, street address, zone number, city and state, on all mailing labels, making sure to include an extra label inside your gift package.

Send all Christmas cards by First Class mail, and include your name and address on the Christmas card envelopes, which is not only socially correct, but helps you and your friends to keep your mailing lists up to date.

If any of your Christmas cards envelopes are larger than 9" x 12" or smaller than 2 3-4" x 4" they can be sent only by First Class mail because such cards require hand canceling.

If you wish to enclose your Christmas card or letter in your gift package, merely add the appropriate letter postage to the postage for the package itself and indicate the presence of a letter or Christmas card inside the package.

Vice President Nixon calls for support of missile builders and halt to lament over rocket failures.

Personal income declined in October for the second month in a row, Government figures show. The decline was largely concentrated in factory pay-rolls.

The Russian earth satellite may continue circling the earth for a year or more, according to some U. S. scientists.

Subscriptions to The Times-Virginian make an ideal Christmas gift. For only $2.00, you can have the home county paper sent for a year to some friend.

Government price experts recently said that in January the cost of living may dip slightly and then level off into a period of comparative stability. By that time a two-year inflation will have chewed about 5½ cents out of the buying power of the consumer's dollar.

Home Agent's Notes

Perhaps one reason why Christmas is our best-loved holiday is that it satisfied not one but many human needs and interests. In the celebration there is religious pageantry, folklore, hospitality and the exchange of gifts. There is renewed appreciation of family and friends, an unallayed joy in the eyes of children. There is a spiritual rebirth for the individual, an increased awareness of man's potential goodness, and love for his fellow men.

All of this is in the very air at Christmas time. It is expressed in the way folks decorate their homes—ways as varied as their tradition-al backgrounds and their own personalities.

No two houses on any street say "Merry Christmas" in the passer-by in just the same way. There may be a wreath or sprig of holly in each window. On the front hallway may hang a holly wreath, a cluster of canes tied with red ribbon. In the yard, colored electric lights or fluorescent icicles and tree ornaments may turn the shrubbery into Christmas trees. Occasionally a life-sized Santa and reindeer on the roof or a beautifully lighted creche on the lawn delight the eye.

Inside, the Christmas tree is usually the focal point of interest. Perhaps it is the traditional evergreen, trimmed each year from the box of ornaments that represents the collection of generations. There are colored lights and ropes of tinsel, brightly colored balls of many sizes, colored birds with spun glass tails, gilded pine cones, miniature violins, tempots, chandeliers, baskets, animals and fruits. Closely hung silver foil icicles shimmer in the daylight and sparkle at night. Nearly every family has had its own special top of the tree ornament; a spire, star, or angel that grandchildren remember for the rest of their lives.

In recent years, some families have gone modern in trimming their trees. Silvered evergreens may have blue lights set against foil reflectors. Or frosted white lights veiled in "angel hair" may be the only decoration. In other homes, the tree trimmings are as primitive as a Grandma Moses Christmas card—paper chains and spirals, strings of cranberries and popcorn, and stars and flowers cut from colored or silvered paper.

Ingenuity and imagination know practically no limits in designing and decorating table trees; some are traditional trees in miniature, trimmed with tiny colored balls and lights. Other s carry out the white and silver theme on a small scale.

An utterly delightful little tree which a girl might surprise her mother with is made of layers of white crinoline and a candle. For a ten-inch candle, cut twenty circles of crinoline graduating in size from eight inches to two inches in diameter. Mark points an inch deep to be cut around the edge of each circle; cut out with pinking shears. Paste colored stars, one for each point, around the edge. The graduated holes in the centers of the layers, being careful to make them fit the candle snugly. Fasten a silver star or other top ornament to the candlewick. Use a candle holder which is appropriate to the Christmas season.

Many of the most effective holiday decorations can be made of materials already at hand. Boughs trimmed from an oversized tree may be banked on the mantel, with giant candles at either end. Some of the smaller branches may be combined with small tree ornaments for a table centerpiece. Engaging little angels for mantel, table or tree may be made from scraps of stiff gift wrapping paper. Christmas cards may be displayed decoratively in many ways. In fact, the people who seem to have the most fun at Christmas are likely to be those who do not limit themselves to things which can be bought ready to use, but who put something of themselves into their holiday decorations.

HOLIDAY HAS DRIVING HAZARDS

Richmond, Va.- With Virginia almost certain to chalk up her highest number of annual traffic fatalities since the 904 of 1953, Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, today noted the Commonwealth's 1957 deaths passed the 1956 score of 830 on December 3 of this year.

Colonel Woodson noted that, on the average, December is the highest-death month both in Virginia and the nation, with one-tenth of the nation's total of 40,000 dying last December. The four days including Christmas Day last year took 885 lives nationally and 16 in Virginia. Virginia, he said experiences from 80 to 100 deaths each December with last December seeing a below-average 80.

The safety official noted the following dangers as most apparent during the month:

1. Increased drinking due largely to numerous parties and celebrations. People who seldom drink during the year do so during the Christmas - New Year period and those who do drink, drink more. All are prone to visit and go from party to party by automobile while so doing.

2. Inclement weather. December, often unexpectedly, brings fog, snow, ice and sleet. Driving under such conditions should be eliminated or sharply curtailed with every adjustment made in the latter case.

3. Early darkness. December has fewer hours of daylight than any other month. Both motorists and pedestrians should remember that danger must be seen before it can be avoided and that about half our fatal crashes occur in darkness although only about one-third the total traffic movement occurs then. Pedestrians are particularly vulnerable.

4. Shopping crowds. These include not only inattentive persons afoot, with visions sometimes obscured by armaful of packages, but those in automobiles moving to and from the cities.

5. A general feeling of gayness and recklessness brought on by the season.

As a final message, Colonel Woodson said, "If all of us refuse to permit the real significance of Christmas to be eclipsed by its social functions and think deeply of the Golden Rule and all it means, we can cut December's inevitable toll in a drastic manner."

Meanwhile, the International Lions of Virginia announced that, with the approval of Governor Stanley, they are conducting 212 safety meetings during the month which will be participated in by 11,000 members and their families.

Congress to meet January 7th, the first Tuesday of the new year and the latest day of the month on which the first Tuesday can fall.

Experts predict colder and wetter than normal winter for most of the nation.

November production in automobile industry was the highest since January.

The Internal Revenue Service says it will handle expense account items on the great bulk of the 1957 income tax returns just as it handled them in past years.

New Boeing jet passenger liner the 707, completed and undergoing certification tests.

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